

Who were the "Freedom Riders"?

The Freedom Riders were a group of blacks and whites who traveled across the South in 1961 to test federal enforcement of regulations prohibiting discrimination.

What was the 1963 March on Washington?

The 1963 March on Washington was a demonstration by over 200,000 people in support of the 1963 Civil Rights Bill. It was at this demonstration that Martin Luther King Jr., gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Name the most important provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The 1964 Civil Rights Act outlawed racial discrimination by employers and unions, created the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to enforce the law, and eliminated the remaining restrictions on black voting.

What important education bill was passed in 1965?

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provided \$1.5 billion to school districts to improve the education of poor people.

**How was rural poverty addressed in 1966?**

The Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1966 provided \$1.1 billion for isolated mountain areas.

**What was the conclusion of the Kerner Commission about the cause of the racial riots of the 1960s?**

The Kerner Commission concluded that the riots were directed at a social system that prevented blacks from getting good jobs and crowded them into ghettos.

**Describe the origins of the Free Speech Movement on American college campuses.**

Students at the University of California, Berkeley, staged sit-ins in 1964 to protest the prohibition of political canvassing on campus. Led by Mario Savio, the movement changed from emphasizing student rights to criticizing the bureaucracy of American society.

**What was the leading New Left student group during the 1960s?**

**Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)**

What did the  
1991 Civil  
Rights Act  
establish?

The 1991 Civil Rights  
Act required employers  
in discrimination suits to  
prove that their hiring  
practices were not  
discriminatory.

What report  
precipitated a crisis  
in education during  
the 1980s?

A 1981 report called "A  
Nation at Risk," prepared by  
the National Commission of  
Excellence in Education,  
argued that a "rising tide of  
mediocrity" characterized the  
nation's schools.

How did states  
respond to the  
educational crisis  
of the 1980s?

Many states instituted  
reforms including higher  
teacher salaries,  
competency tests for  
teachers, and an increase  
in required subjects for  
high school graduation.

What was the name  
of the leading  
suffrage movement  
in the early twentieth  
century?

The National  
American Woman  
Suffrage  
Association